

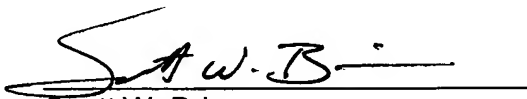
REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-13 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated Sept. 8, 2005, the Examiner objected to an informality in claim 1 and an informality in the specification. Further, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,844,859 ("Iwamoto"). Additionally, claims 2-4, 6, and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 6, and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, the Examiner indicated claims 8-12 are allowable.

In the Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 and the specification to remove the informalities. Further, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and claim 2 has been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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